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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT BONN 21684, SENT DEA, INFO PARIS, THE
HAGUE, HAMBURG, FRANKFURT, MUNICH DECEMBER 29, REPEATED SECSTATE
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QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BONN 21684

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SUBJECT: HEROIN SEIZURES/ABUSE INDICATORS IN W. GERMANY

CCX: GFXA-75-8035 ASIAN HEROIN

1. BONN DO NOTES WEEKLY NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE
BRIEFING MESSAGE OF 2 DECEMBER 1976, WHEREIN ASIAN
HEROIN SEIZED IN COPENHAGEN IN 1976 AMOUNTED TO ABOUT
100 KILOS SO FAR.

2. INCREASED SEIZURES OF ASIAN HEROIN IN FEDERAL

REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ARE ALSO IMPRESSIVE, AND EQUALLY
INDICATE THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF HEROIN BOTH IN AND
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TRANSITING GERMANY PRIMARILY FROM ASIAN SOURCES.
SEIZURES ARE ALSO INDICATIVE OF GROWING EFFORT AT
INTERDICTION BEING MOUNTED BY GERMAN FEDERAL POLICE AND
THEIR STATE POLICE COUNTERPARTS.

3. ON DEC 16 AND 17, THE 30TH MEETING OF THE STANDING
WORKING GROUP ON NARCOTICS, OF WHICH DEA IS A PERMANENT

MEMBER, MET IN HEIDELBERG. CHAIRED BY THE BKA, GERMAN AUTHORITIES NOTED THAT IN 1975 A TOTAL OF 31 KILOS OF HEROIN (PRIMARILY ASIAN) WAS SEIZED IN THE FRG. HOWEVER, AS OF THE 16TH OF DEC, A TOTAL OF 160 KILOS OF HEROIN HAD BEEN SEIZED, A STAGGERING INCREASE OF MORE THAN 500 PER CENT. A SECOND WEATHERVANE FIGURE ON HEROIN ABUSE IN GERMANY WAS ALSO NOTED, WHEN THE BKA REPORTED THAT OVERDOSE DEATHS FROM NARCOTIC RELATED MISUSE, TOTALED 300 FOR THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1976. DURING 1975, OVERDOSE DEATHS IN GERMANY TOTALED 188.

4. ALSO ATTENDING THE MEETING IN HEIDELBERG, WAS MR. JAN VAN STRATEN, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, CENTRAL CRIMINAL INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, NATIONAL DRUGS UNIT, THE HAGUE. VAN STRATEN REPORTED THAT SEIZURES IN THE NETHERLANDS AS OF DEC 1, 1976, TOTALED 160 KILOS OF ASIAN HEROIN, AND NOTED ALSO THAT 10,000 KILOS OF HASHISH HAD BEEN SEIZED TO DATE. OF PARTICULAR NOTE TO THE ASSEMBLED POLICE, WAS VAN STRATEN'S COMMENTS THAT IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS, PRICES FOR GRAM AMOUNTS OF HEROIN HAD INCREASED FROM 50 GUILDERS PER GRAM TO 200 GUILDERS PER GRAM IN THE NETHERLANDS. VAN STRATEN EMPHASIZED THAT THE INCREASE COULD BE ONLY TEMPORARY, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS PRICE INCREASE COULD INDICATE THAT TOTAL SEIZURES WERE AFFECTING AVAILABILITY IN THE NETHERLANDS AND ELSEWHERE.

5. GIVEN THE 320 KILOS OF ASIAN HEROIN SEIZED IN GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THESE TWO COUNTRIES ARE PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN INTERDICTION OF ASIAN HEROIN IN EUROPE.

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